

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-window display control apparatus comprising:

an input unit that inputs digital video data from a plurality of digital video sources;

a display control unit that controls a display device to display a plurality of video windows corresponding to the digital video data from the plurality of video sources, the plurality of video windows comprising a main video window and a plurality of subsidiary video windows having different window sizes[[,]] in a display screen of the display device;

a selecting unit that selects one of the video windows;

a storage that stores selection history information for each of the video windows selected by said selecting unit; and

a control unit that is responsive to selection of one of the video windows by said selecting unit, for controlling said display control unit to display an image based on image data for the selected video window in the main video window, and display other images based on other image data for the non-selected video windows in the subsidiary video windows with the window sizes according to the selection history information stored in said storage, and determines display positions and sizes of the video windows such that none of the video windows overlap with each other, and such that a more recent selected digital video data is displayed at a larger display area than a previously selected video data, which is displayed at a smaller display area.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A multi-window display control apparatus capable of connecting to a video device, the apparatus comprising:

a display control unit that controls a display device to display a plurality of video windows comprising a main video window and a plurality of subsidiary video windows, all having different window sizes, and an operation panel windows, each corresponding to the main or for the main video window and at least one operation panel window for the subsidiary video windows[[,]] that are separate and discrete from the video windows, the video windows displaying an image based on image data output from the video device, and the operation panel windows displaying operation panels buttons for controlling the video device, wherein the operation panel window for the main video window displays more operation buttons than the operation panel window for

the subsidiary video windows;

a selecting unit that selects one of the video windows;

a control unit that controls said display control unit to change a size and a display position of the operation panel window corresponding to the selected one of the video windows in accordance with a changing of a size of the selected one of the video windows.

6. *(Previously Presented)* A multi-window display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said control unit controls said display control unit to change sizes of operating buttons included in the operation panel window associated with the selected one of the video windows in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows.

7. *(Previously Presented)* A multi-window display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said control unit controls said display control unit to change numbers of operating buttons included in the operation panel window associated with the selected one of the video windows in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows.

8. *(Previously Presented)* A multi-window display control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein said control unit controls said display control unit to change display positions and sizes of all of the video windows and the operation panel windows that are being displayed, in accordance with the changing of the size of the selected one of the video windows.

9. *(Currently Amended)* A control method for a multi-window display control apparatus, the method comprising:

an input step of inputting a digital video data from a plurality of digital video sources;

a display step of displaying a plurality of video windows corresponding to the digital video data from the plurality of video sources, the plurality of video windows comprising a main video window and a plurality of subsidiary video windows having different window sizes, in a display screen;

a selection step of selecting one of the video windows;

a storing step of storing selection history information for each of the video windows selected in said selecting step in a storage; and

a control step of controlling the display of an image based on image data for the selected video window in the main video window, and display of other images based on other image data

for the non-selected video windows in the subsidiary video windows with the window sizes according to the selection history information stored in the storage, in response to selection of one of the video windows by said selection step, and determining display positions and sizes of the video windows such that none of the video windows overlap with each other, and such that a more recently selected digital video data is displayed at a larger display area than a previously selected video data, which is displayed at a smaller display area.

10-12. (*Canceled*)

13. (*Currently Amended*) A control method for a multi-window display control apparatus capable of connecting to a video device, the method comprising:

a display step of displaying a plurality of windows including a plurality of video windows comprising a main video window and a plurality of subsidiary video windows, all having different window sizes, and an operation panel windows, each corresponding to for the main video window-or and at least one operation panel window for the subsidiary video windows[[,]] that are separate and discrete from the video windows in a display screen, the video windows displaying an image based on image data output from the video device, and the operation panel windows displaying operation-panels buttons for controlling the video device, wherein the operation panel window for the main video window displays more operation buttons than the operation panel window for the subsidiary video windows;

a selection step of selecting one of the video windows;

a control step of changing a size and a display position of the operation panel window corresponding to the selected one of the video windows in accordance with a changing of a size of the selected one of the video windows.

14-36. (*Canceled*)